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1. FOLLOWING IS BRAZILIAN EMBASSY'S ENGLISH TRANSLA-TION OF LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GIBSON-BARBOZA TO SECRETARY KISSINGER DATED DECEMBER 5. LETTER WAS DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR ARAUJO CASTRO TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH.

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY, ON NOVEMBER 23RD, THROUGH THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY, I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF THE 21ST OF THAT MONTH, FOR WHICH I THANK YOU.

- 2. NATURALLY, I CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AS WELL AS YOUR EFFORTS TOWARDS PROMOTING A JUST AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION FOR THAT GRAVE QUESTION.
- 3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED HAVE AGREED TO BEGIN FORMAL CONVERSATIONS ON DECEMBER 18TH IS, NO DOUBT, A SIGNIFICANT AND AUSPICIOUS EVENT- I HOPE THAT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT STILL HINDER THIS INITIATIVE BE PROMPTLY REMOVED AND THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE CONTENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTIES MAY DEFINITIVELY INAUGURATE THE PROGRESS OF PACIFICATION.

4. YOUR MESSAGE ALSO REFERS TO THE RECENT CONFERENCE OF

LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR CONTINENTAL COOPERATION. YOU HAVE KINDLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KNOWING MY VIEWS CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

- 5. IN GENERAL TERMS, I CONSIDER THAT CONFERENCE AS POSI-TIVE. HAVING BEEN CONVENED IN THE LIGHT OF THE INTER-EST PROFESSED BY YOU IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NEW DIALOGUE" WITH LATIN AMERICA, IT WAS HELD WITH THE PURPOSE OF CALLING YOUR ATTENTION TO THOSE PROBLEMS WHICH, IN THE CONSENSUS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AFFECT THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP OF EACH AND ALL WITH THE UNITED STATES. YOU HAVE BY NOW ALREADY RECEIVED, THROUGH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA, THE DOCUMENT WHICH SYNTHESI-ZES THIS CONSENSUS. YOU WILL CERTAINLY NOTE THAT THE EIGHT POINTS IN WHICH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REGISTER THEIR CONCERNS DO NOT DIFFER FROM SUBJECTS AND POSITIONS ALREADY PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED ON OTHER OCCASIONS, THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, IN THE RECENT PAST. THOUGH AWARE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MAJORITY OF SUCH ISSUES, I DO THINK THAT IT WOULD NOT ONLY BE TIMELY, BUT ALSO TRULY IMPORTANT, TO UNDERTAKE A DECISIVE EFFORT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE VIRTUAL STALEMATE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. INDEED, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH COUNTRY BUT IT IS NO LESS TRUE THAT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL EFFORTS, IS RECOGNIZED NOWADAYS AS ONE OF THE MOST RELEVANT PRIN-CIPLES GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL LIFE.
- 6. BRAZIL MAINTAINS THAT SUCH COOPERATION MUST ENVISAGE A SHARED AND SOLIDARY GROWTH OF ALL PARTNERS. THIS PRINCIPLE EXCLUDES, OF COURSE, ALL RESTRICTIVE, MONOPOLISTIC OR UNILATERAL PRACTICES, AS WELL AS POLICIES THAT DO NOT LEAD TO AN ACTUAL TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. ACTION IN THIS SENSE MUST BE PURSUED ON AN ADDITIONAL, NON-RECIPROCAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS SO THAT THE EFFORTS TOWARDS RAISING THE STANDARDS OF LIVING OF THE LESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPED POPULATIONS TO COMPATIBLE LEVELS BE EFFECTIVELY COMPLEMENTED. THE NETWORK OF EXTERNAL OBSTACLES AND HINDRANCES IN WHICH THESE EFFORTS GET TANGLED CANNOT BUT CONTRIBUTE TO AGGRAVATE THE SOCIAL TENSIONS GENERATED BY THE ALREADY NUMEROUS INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WITH WHICH THESE POPULATIONS ARE FACED. NEEDLESS TO RECALL HOW MUCH THIS PLAYS IN FAVOR OF THOSE WHO SEEK TO REAP FOR THEIR OWN PROFIT THE FRUITS OF DISSATISFACTION AND RESENTMENT.

7. IT IS THUS IMPERATIVE THAT WE RESUME, WITH INSPIRA-TION AND VIGOR, NO LONGER THE ANALYSIS OF AN EXHAUSTIVELY DISSECTED PROCESS, BUT RATHER AN IMAGINATIVE AND RESOLUTE COURSE OF ACTION, CAPABLE OF CREATING IN THIS CONTINENT A

## TRUE ASSOCIATION OF INTERESTS IN ALL FIELDS.

- 8. IN MY UNDERSTANDING, THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN MEXICO, THOUGH DIRECTED TOWARDS A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, MAY NEVERTHELESS POSE A FEW SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES.
  CERTAIN TOPICS, WHICH ARE NOT EXPLICITED, WILL SURELY BE BROUGHT UP UNDER THE DISCUSSION OF THE "GENERAL OUTLOOK OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES", OVER WHICH THERE IS A DISTINCT DIVISION OF VIEWS AMONG SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM. IN THE PAST, AS IN THE PRESENT, THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES AND THOSE OF BRAZIL HAVE COINCIDED IN REGARD TO SOME OF THESE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. IT IS CONVENIENT, I BELIEVE, THAT WE REMAIN ATTENTIVE TO THIS IDENTITY OF VIEWS.
- 9. THESE ARE, MR. SECRETARY, SOME OF THE REFLECTIONS THAT OCCUR TO ME OFFHAND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSITIONS WE WILL BE FACING IN MEXICO. I SHALL TAKE MUCH PLEASURE IN KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH YOU REGARDING THESE OR ANY OTHER MATTERS. VERY CORDIALLY YOURS, MARIO GIBSON BARBOZA. END QUOTE.
- 10. WE ARE PREPARING A REPLY FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SECRETARY AFTER HIS RETURN. RUSH

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